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CONVENTION

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1. ON MARCH 7, EDMONDS OF FCO SPOKE TO US AGAIN ABOUT
POSSIBLE TRI-PARTITE CONSULTATIONS ON NPT REVIEW CONFER-
ENCE. UK EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAS INFORMED FCO THAT THE
SECRETARY HAS NOT YET AUTHORIZED U.S. PARTICIPATION IN
CONSULTATION.

2. EDMONDS CONFIRMED INFORMATION REF. (A) THAT MALLABY
OF UK EMBASSY MOSCOW HAD SEEN TIMERBAEV AND THAT WEEK OF
MARCH 17 SEEMED ACCEPTABLE TO USSR. FCO STILL PREFERS
EARLY DATE BECAUSE THREE POWERS WILL NOT HAVE REACHED FI-
NAL POSITIONS ON ISSUES. MEETING COULD HELP TO ACHIEVE

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CONSENSUS AMONG THE THREE.

3. UK TEAM FOR MEETING WOULD BE COMPOSED OF JOHN THOMSON JOHN EDMONDS, ONE OTHER DISARMAMENT DEPT. OFFICER AND ONE OR TWO EXPERTS. ONE FACTOR INFLUENCING UK DESIRE FOR MARCH DATES IS THAT THOMSON WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE APRIL 1-16.

4. ON BIOLOGICAL WARFARE CONVENTION BRITISH MAY MODIFY THEIR PROPOSAL TO SUBSTITUTE MINISTER OF STATE DAVID ENNALS FOR FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAHAN AT CEREMONY. ENNALS IS NOT ONLY NUMBER TWO MINISTER IN FCO BUT HAS KEEN INTEREST IN DISARMAMENT. FCO OFFICIALS WOULD PREFER THIS BUT FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAHAN'S PERSONAL STAFF IS STUDYING MATTER. HE MAY WISH PARTICIPATE IF SECRETARY KISSINGER AND GROMYKO DECIDE TO BE PRESENT AT CEREMONIES IN WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW. EXCEPT FOR THIS, SCENARIO ENVISAGED REF. (B) WOULD PREVAIL. MATTER HAS NOT BEEN PRESENTED TO MINISTERS. EXPECT THIS TO OCCUR BY MARCH 10. FOLLOWING MINISTERIAL DECISION WE SHOULD GET FINAL UK POSITION ON LEVEL AND DATE OF CEREMONY.

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